

USAID EVALUATION AGENDA FOR FY 2002

PPC/CDIE annually updates the Agency's evaluation agenda. The agenda includes ongoing and new topics of high priority to managers addressing Agency policy and strategy issues. The agenda identifies two types of studies, experience reviews and evaluations, and an activity to strengthen Agency-wide evaluation practices.

Experience Reviews

These are assessments of what USAID (and/or others) have done, accomplished and learned in particular development areas. They are primarily desk studies that rely largely on secondary data. These reviews are underway:

- Child survival. This looks at USAID's experience with upscaling successful pilot activities.
- Global climate change. This reviews USAID's approach, experience and concerns related to activities contributing to this objective. It also includes fieldwork in the Philippines.
- Civil society. This maps USAID's efforts in supporting civil society and identifies principal strategic and implementation issues.

These reviews are being initiated in FY 2002:

- Trade capacity support. This looks at USAID experience in strengthening capacity related to trade and its effectiveness.
- Education. This looks at USAID and other experience in basic education and its relevance to fostering skills, especially in the Moslem world, for participation in a changing global environment.
- Corruption. This looks at USAID and other experience with activities addressing corruption.

Evaluations

These are assessments of what USAID (and others) have done, accomplished, and learned in particular development areas. They are based on primary as well as secondary data.

These evaluations will be completed in FY 2002:

- Urban and industrial pollution. This draws lessons from assessments of USAID pollution activities in five countries - Philippines, Chile, Czech Republic, India and Russia.
- Transition assistance. This looks at the role of and effectiveness of transition assistance, especially programs administered by the Office of Transition Initiatives, and includes case studies in Indonesia, East Timor, Kosovo and Nigeria.
- Poverty reduction. This assesses USAID experience with respect to poverty reduction and includes case studies in Mali, Uganda, Rumania and Honduras.

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- Land markets and property rights. USAID completed an experience review in 2001 that examined USAID's and other donors' experience in developing land markets and establishing related property rights. Fieldwork is being initiated in selected countries in 2002.
- Media. This examines and analyzes the nature, focus and effectiveness of USAID and other donors' media assistance programs and includes fieldwork in selected countries.

Strengthening Evaluation Practices

This activity aims to strengthen evaluation practices in USAID.

- Preparation of evaluation toolkit. This includes the preparation of guidance and related materials on evaluation for use by USAID operating units in planning and managing evaluations.